

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SAKAMOTO et al.

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Examiner D. Nguyen

For: POLISHING CLOTH FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING, AND CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING APPARATUS USING SAID CLOTH

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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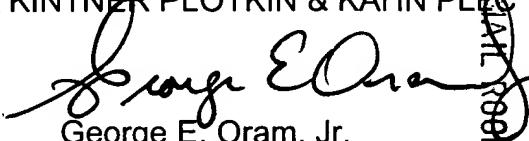
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2000, the time for responding being extended by the attached petition, the applicant elects to have further prosecution directed to Embodiment I shown in Figures 2 and 3. Claims 1 and 4 are currently generic. Claims 2 and 5 read on Figures 2 and 3. This election is being made without traverse. Should a generic claim be found allowable, it is understood that Claims 3 and 6 will be rejoined.

Accordingly, an early examination and a favorable action on the merits on Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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